

Friday, 7 September

Acting

1. 3:30 Meeting w/Secretary McNamara in McGeorge Bundy's office. (Calendar Sheet)
2. Meeting with The President. (Accompanied by Messrs. Lundahl and Cline) (Calendar Sheet)
3. Minutes of USIB Meeting of 7 September (USIB-M-232) at which SNIE 8503062, The Military Buildup in Cuba was discussed state: "a. Agreed not to act on the subject paper at this meeting; and b. Concurred in the view that an updated version of this draft estimate, incorporating such additional information as may become available, should be prepared and submitted to USIB for consideration on 19 September, unless urgent action is required at an earlier date."
4. At USIB Meeting, Executive Session, I made the following statements:

In bringing Board up-to-date since last week, the readout of the last U-2 flight over Cuba showed SA-2 sites. On Friday morning (31 August), I called McGeorge Bundy and General Lemnitzer with that information. I received a call from the President about 1300, 31 August, asking how many people were told of this information. I said it has been handled in regular channels. The President said to put it back in the box and nail it tight; also to call General Lemnitzer to that effect. I followed these instructions as well as possible.

This freeze continued until Saturday (1 September) when information was extended further to the working analysts in order to furnish better advice to the President.

I went to the White House Tuesday (4 September) with a single copy of the readout. At that time, I was still kept under White House wraps to call information to the immediate attention of the White House and get instructions.